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BIGGEST STEAM-UP IN PSRMA HISTORY SET!!

PUERTO PENASCO WRAP-UP - SUCCESS!!

More than 600 people joined PSRMA for our annual Puerto Penasco excursion on May 16th to make the trip a huge success both financially and PSRMA in the public eye.

Originally scheduled for November of 1969, the trip had to be postponed due to Operation Intercept being put in effect along the United States-Mexican border. For the first time in PSRMA's history, the trip was a SELL-OUT in only two weeks. Orders had to be turned down and money returned.

There were a few problems, but this is to be expected, especially when riding in a foreign country and since this was the first time that PSRMA was in complete charge. Eric Sanders acting as Tour Director with Kent Anderson co-ordinated the car agents, bus agents and a number of other details that added up to make this one of the most successful trips that the Museum has operated.

Bus riders totaled 170 as they crossed the border to board a section of the train which was placed at the border for their convenience. Once the train was joined with the other section at the Mexicali depot, our special was on its way to Puerto Penasco.

An innovation on this trip was the wearing of bright red shirts by the Museum members worked very well as the passengers were able to immediately recognize and seek any assistance required.

Unfortunately, the late time of year for running this trip made it unbearable for some of the passengers as the temperatures of the desert were quite high. However, as a whole, the passengers were a good group, taking the discomforts of the trip with a smile and that is what counts especially as far as PSRMA in the public's eye.

With the success of this trip, hopes are held high for a planned excursion to Kelso on the Union Pacific in the fall of this year. Keep an eye out for further details in upcoming REPORTS. Also don't forget about the excursion in September on the San Francisco Municipal Railway which is outlined in this issue in another story.

TROLLEY EXCURSION IN SAN FRANCISCO

Final plans are being made by PSRMA for an excursion on the San Francisco Municipal Railway on Sunday, September 6th. The six-hour tour of the entire trolley system will begin at 11am. A lunch hour will be included in the tour.

Municipal Railway Officials have given an indication that the system's car No. 1, which is used for excursions only a couple of times a year will be available for our excursion. However, this is only tentative and the use of the car may be cancelled at the last minute. Should the car be used, it can only be operated in the outskirts of the city since the railway will not let the car into the downtown area. For that portion of the system our group would transfer to one of the more modern FCC type cars for the remainder of the excursion.

Fare for the tour will be \$7.50. Members must provide their own transportation to San Francisco. Excursion Chairman George Geyer will provide information on several possibilities in reaching San Francisco by air, car and even RAIL with each ticket purchased.

Members desiring to order their tickets before a brochure mailing is made should direct their orders to George Geyer in care of the Museum address; P.O. Box 12096, San Diego, CA 92112.

What promises to be the biggest STEAM-UP in the history of PSRMA will take place on Saturday, June 27th, when the Shay and the No. 11 locomotives are delivered to the Miramar Naval Air Station for temporary storage.

The Navy has granted PSRMA permission to use the entire two miles of trackage on the base to switch our engines and cars and then to offer rides to Navy personnel and their families and MEMBERS of PSRMA only.

The locomotives will be switched to the Miramar siding during the week of the 22nd. Friday evening Master Mechanic Bob DiGiorgio will spend the night with the locos. Saturday morning fire-up of the shay will begin at 8 am outside the West Gate of Miramar NAS. At 11 am the Shay will steam through the gate and across the base with the No. 11 in tow. Beginning at noon, free steam rides using coach 576, will be given to Navy personnel and PSRMA members ONLY.

A Visitor's pass will be required to gain access to the base. The pass may be obtained from the Base Security Office which is located at the Main Gate. The Security Office will have the current roster of PSRMA members so there should be no problems getting on the base itself.

The taking of pictures will be allowed in the Museum Storage area which is located just South of the Main Gate and can be seen to your left as you drive onto the base. Pictures will be allowed along the entire trackage, but the Navy requests that no pictures be taken South of the storage area or track right-of-way. This is for Security purposes.

Since this will be our first contact with the Navy after they have graciously agreed to permit us to store our equipment on their property, PSRMA members should remember to put their best foot forward. Hopefully, if we put on a good show, we will be permitted to have more steam-ups in the future. So bring your camera and plenty of film and be there on the 27th for a day of STEAM RAIL-ROADING IN SAN DIEGO !!!!!!!

SUNDAY EXHIBIT OPEN HOUSE ENDS

During the past 14 months, from 13 April 1961 through 31 May 1970, PSRMA has held Sunday afternoon open house at the locomotives at Harbor and Crosby Drive. These Sunday afternoons have been an enjoyable experience for many PSRMA members. This has been our only regular contact with the public. Some Sundays the turn out was downright poor, 3 or 4 people showed up. Others, have been briskly busy, with over 25 persons asking questions and examining our locos.

Now that the engines are being moved to Miramar NAS this public contact will be broken. Hopefully this past year will not be forgotten by the time we move to our permanent site. Donations of over \$70 were received during these open house periods. This isn't a large sum but it more than paid for the Museum brochures that were passed out at the locomotives.

Our record for these 60 Sundays was rather good, only three Sundays were missed. Normally, we don't put individuals on the back for good works, but I do believe those who serve regularly should be mentioned. A big thanks to the following for their help. Names are followed by the number of times exhibit duty was rendered: Harich, 1; Carr, 2; Boyd, 4; DiGiorgio, 3; Durkin, 1; Geyer, 4; Hathaway, 3; Hobson, 4; Lyster, 3; C. Kerr, 6; Matson, 3; Parkinson, 3; Pennick, 6; Sanders, 3; Swanson, 2; Windle, 4; and Richards, 2.

Once again our thanks to those who gave of their time and services to the Museum on this project.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This announcement is the official request for nominations for the 1971 Executive Officers of the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association, Inc. The following positions are open for nominations: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Board-Member-At-Large.

All nominations must be received by July 19, 1970. They may be mailed in to be received before that date, or may be made in person at the July 19th General Meeting. Nominations will be closed at that meeting. Nominations by mail should be sent to the Secretary, PSRMA, P.O. Box 12096, San Diego, CA 92112.

The August issue of REPORT will list the nominees for each office, and a request for absentee ballots made for those who will not be able to attend the October meeting. All absentee ballots must be received by August 31.

At the October General Meeting, the absentee ballots and those of the members present will be counted by a special 3-man election committee. This committee will also be elected at the same meeting.

THE SEARCH FOR EQUIPMENT CONTINUES

Equipment is the heart of any railway museum. But, it must be interesting, unusual, varied, and most of all there must be lots of it....When the time arrives for PSRMA to display all of our historic collection at a permanent site hopefully we will have a significant amount to show. Right now we have four steam locomotives, five freight cars, a passenger coach, a snowplow, a railbus and a line truck. These all make a good nucleus. However, this represents a minimum, the public must be offered a larger and more varied collection. This is especially true if we expect to derive any significant revenue from donations and admission charges. Our museum must appeal to the general public and not just the railfan.

It is hoped that all members are keeping their eyes and ears open for any item that is appropriate for PSRMA. With vacation time near, many of us will be traveling far and wide and may see things of interest to us. If you spot anything note its location and include a complete description. Please send this information to our director of Equipment Acquisition Chalmers Kerr, 2909 First Avenue, Apt. 3A, San Diego, CA 92103

MASKED MEN ROB TRAIN IN LEMON GROVE

The SD&AE El Cajon branch freight train was held up and robbed on its way through Lemon Grove the morning of May 23rd by three masked men on horseback. The bandits are thought to be part of the Stan Ring gang. Several shots were fired, but no one was injured.

Sound like a newspaper report from the 1870's? Believe it or now, the foregoing events actually occurred recently as a part of Lemon Grove's Old-Time Days celebration. Hundreds of the local citizenry were on hand to witness the action when the train pulled into town, west bound, just before 11am. Some of the train crew, consisting of engineer Hopkins, Conductor Rogers and Brakemen Smith and McBean were dressed in period garb befitting the occasion. SD&AE Superintendent W. B. Barker was also on hand to observe the "robbery" and later, the parade down Broadway.

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A DAY LATE AND A DOLLAR SHORT

Sorry for the late and short REPORT this month. Last minute details on the Steam-Up at Miramar held up publication. Next month will feature a full report with pictures on the Miramar Steam-Up, plus a Southwest Corner and other various goodies so don't give up just yet!!!

GENERAL FUND IN THE BLACK

With the profit from the Puerto Penasco Excursion, the 1970 membership dues and other minor fund-raising activities, the General Fund of PSRMA is now in the black!!

At the May Board meeting, the board authorized repayment of several outstanding loans which now make all the locomotives paid for. These loans were made originally to help defray costs of moving locomotives to the San Diego or Perris location.

The Board also authorized payment of loans on car 576, so at present there remains only \$450 left before the coach is ours. There was ample money in the General Fund to pay off all the loans but it was felt that it would be best to keep money in the bank for operating and emergency expenses that might arise with the movement of the locomotives to Miramar NAS.

STEAM IN PERRIS !!!

Our neighbors to the North, the California Southern Railroad Museum had a momentous day in their history on May 2 of this year when their steam engine, Mojave Northern No. 2, was run under steam for the first time in 20 months. Their engine is a sister engine to our Mojave Northern Engine No. 3, both being obtained and delivered to the Orange Empire Trolley Museum in July, 1966.

After many hours of laborious work, the No. 2 has been restored and will be operating on alternate Saturdays over the CSRM's trackage at the trolley museum.

PSRMA's No. 3 is still in the same condition as it was the day it arrived in Perris in 1966 and needs many hours of work before it will be in running shape.

Congratulations to the CSRM and here's hoping for a joint day of operation in the near future with their No. 2 and our E. J. Lavino No. 10. What a sight that would be!!!!

CALENDAR

- June
26 - Switching of locos to Miramar siding
27 - Steam-up of Shay, 8am, for switching of equipment and rides for Navy personnel and PSRMA members
- July
7 - Board Meeting, 7:30pm, San Diego Trust & Savings
19 - General Meeting, 7:30pm, AT&SF Depot San Diego
- Upcoming
September 6 - San Francisco Municipal Railway Excursion. \$7.50. Orders for tickets to George Geyer, P.O. Box 12096, San Diego, CA 92112 PSRMA

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